

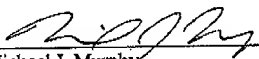
REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 9, 2004. Claims 1-50 are subject to a restriction or election requirement. Applicants respectfully elect without traverse the claims of Group I, consisting of claims 1-25, drawn to an apparatus. Consequently, Applicants herein cancel Group II, claims 26-44, Group III, claims 45-47, and Group IV, claims 48-50, without prejudice to their presentation in one or more divisional applications.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 14912.817).

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